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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, lines 28 – 32, with the following amended paragraph:

After passing through nip 106, the three (or more) component webs 120, 130, and 140, shown together as web 102 in FIG. 10, have been formed into laminate web 10. At this point in the process, the outer layers are thermally bonded and unapertured, as shown in FIGs. 1 and 2. Central layers(s) 30, from web 130, is apertured, having been displaced by protuberances 116 in nip 106.

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 4 – 11, with the following amended paragraph:

One method for forming apertures across the web is to pass the web through nip ~~130~~ 131 formed by an incremental stretching system 132 employing opposed pressure applicators 134 and 136 having three-dimensional surfaces which at least to a degree are complementary to one another. Stretching of the laminate web may be accomplished by other methods known in the art, including tentoring, or even by hand. However, to achieve even strain levels across the web, and especially if localized strain differential are desired, the incremental stretching system disclosed herein is preferred.